

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

LEILA ROXANNE KHATAPOUSH,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY ,

Defendants.

Case No. C21-264 TLF

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's filing of a motion for attorney fees, expenses, and costs pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412, the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). Dkt. 15. Plaintiff seeks a total of \$8,636.34 in attorney fees and \$400 in costs. *Id.* As defendant does not object to plaintiff's request (Dkt. 17), plaintiff's motion is GRANTED. Accordingly, the Court hereby ORDERS as follows:

- (1) Plaintiff is granted attorney fees in the amount of \$8,636.34 in attorney fees and \$400 in costs;
- (2) Subject to any offset allowed under the Treasury Offset Program, as discussed in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), payment of this award shall be sent to plaintiff's attorney Maren Bam at her address: Salus Law, PLLC, 8513 W. 9th Avenue, Kennewick, WA 99336.
- (3) After the Court issues this Order, defendant will consider the matter of plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees and expenses to plaintiff's attorney. Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, the ability to honor the assignment will

1 depend on whether the EAJA fees and expenses are subject to any offset
2 allowed under the Treasury Offset Program. Defendant agrees to contact
3 the Department of Treasury after this Order is entered to determine
4 whether the EAJA attorney fees and expenses are subject to any offset. If
5 the EAJA attorney fees and expenses are not subject to any offset, those
6 fees and expenses will be paid directly to plaintiff's attorney, either by
7 direct deposit or by check payable to him and mailed to his address.
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9 Dated this 24th day of March, 2022.
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